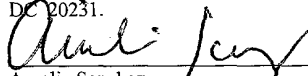


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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
(Regular application claiming priority of a provisional)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTRIBUTION-BASED GIFT PURCHASING**

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Priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/239,418 filed on October 10, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Application Elements:

- ☒ **31** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ **08** Sheets of formal Drawings
- ☒ **03** Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☐ Separate Declaration

Accompanying Application Parts:

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- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
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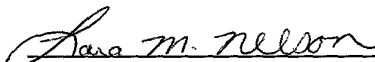
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